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of negot with the Sov Union that wld be acceptable to the US and the risks we will take in the absence of a negotiated settlement.

"The fol specific recommendations are submitted:

"1. In view of De Gasperi's statement that Italy will not (rpt not) wait for French ratification before taking favorable action on the EDC, an effort shld be made to secure similar speedy action by the Benelux states. The Benelux Ambs shld be called into Dept and need for prompt action fol Ger ratification stressed to them. Amb Draper shld make similar representations to the Benelux permanent reps on NAC. We feel action by these states wld accelerate French ratification. De Gasperi shld be urged by Emb Rome to go ahead with his announced program for ratification.

"2. HICOG Bonn shld informally urge Adenauer to take any major issues in Franco-Ger relations to Schuman for private and frank discussions to avoid these issues becoming subjs of controversy between the two countries. This is particularly applicable to the period fol ratification by Ger until French ratification has taken place.

"3. Consideration shld be given to ways and means of helping Italy solve problem of excess manpower with special attn to timing in connection with Ital elections. Adrian Fisher shld take under advisement possibility of including in report of President's commission some recommendation specifically aiding Italy. In addition, consideration shld be given to providing funds to assist Ital emigration and to a token gesture in Congressional legislation permitting some increased entry into US.

"4. We shld continue our policy of non-intervention in the current negots

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